Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, The state of South Dakota is the home of Rex Smith, and we are richer because Rex lives among us; and,

Whereas, Birthdays commemorate the first day of our lives, and we celebrate the birthdays of those we love, as we recognize the joys and sorrows we have shared, the strength we have gained from the obstacles and hardships we have conquered, and the small daily pleasures life offers; and,

Whereas, Rex was born on a farm near Hudson, South Dakota, to Roy and Belle Smith on June 25, 1915, and he graduated from Hudson High School in 1932; and,

Whereas, Rex married Frances Lentz on October 6, 1936, in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, and to this union they were blessed with 6 children, 18 grandchildren, 27 great-grandchildren, and 4 great-great-grandchildren; and,

Whereas, Rex resides in Hudson and will observe his 100th Birthday with all the good wishes, fanfare, and celebration such a milestone warrants, as his relatives and friends gather to honor him and celebrate his life and the camaraderie of the day; and it is fitting and proper for the governor to make note of this milestone in the life of a man who has lived an exemplary life for all to emulate:

Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim June 25, 2015, as

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in South Dakota, and I join all his relatives and friends in wishing him a very happy birthday.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Eighteenth Day of June in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Fifteen.

Dennis Daugaard

Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

Shantel Krebs

Shantel Krebs, Secretary of State